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Thompson Named DGS Chief of Staff



Secretary Richkus has named Jacqueline Thompson as the new DGS Chief of Staff. Ms. Thompson, who joined DGS last October as

Special Assistant to the Secretary, has nearly 10 years experience in State government, serving in key roles in various agencies including two years in the Office of the Governor.

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Moving Maryland's Historic Wye Oak

After the Wye Oak, Maryland's State tree and the largest white oak in the United States, was toppled by strong winds in June, DGS coordinated and directed salvage efforts for the Department of Natural Resources.

The 40-foot, 61,500-pound trunk and the limbs and branches of the 460-year-old tree are being preserved in a Queen Anne's County warehouse for future use.

Project Manager Tom Schanno says DGS secured and coordinated the services of a commercial arborist, two heavy crane firms and a structural moving firm to move the massive oak to preserve as much of its integrity and character as possible.



Heavy Load: The trunk of the 460-year-old Wye Oak is hoisted for its move to an Eastern Shore warehouse.

If you have an innovative idea on how to use the wood that is being saved, e-mail your suggestion to wyeoakideas@dnr.state.md.us.



Legend: Larger than life statue of Louis L. Goldstein on the Treasury Building lawn.

Annapolis Statue Honors Legendary Comptroller

When you visit Annapolis, be sure to stop by the new memorial honoring the career of the late Comptroller of Maryland Louis L. Goldstein. Located at Calvert and Bladen Streets in front of the Treasury Building, a bronze statue of Mr. Goldstein was unveiled and dedicated in April. DGS and the State Archives performed integral roles in the sculpture design, site design and construction process.

At the unveiling, Governor Glendening, Lt. Governor Townsend and other State officials remembered

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Moving Forward: Deputy Secretary Pecora (far right) joins Governor Glendening, Baltimore Mayor O'Malley and officials from the Enoch Pratt Free Library at the expansion groundbreaking.

Pratt Library Annex: First Expansion in 70 Years

The newest high-profile DGS construction project is the \$10.6 million expansion of the central branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in downtown Baltimore. The annex addition will be the first major expansion of the Cathedral Street facility since it opened during the Great Depression.

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PHOTO: Carolyn Watson



A Message from the Secretary

From protecting Marylanders against terrorism to protecting citizens from the tragedies of drunk driving, new laws passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor Glendening took effect July 1st. Among the laws signed by the Governor were DGS-authored bills that strengthen *eMaryland Marketplace* (eMM). One bill enables the Department to utilize reverse auction technologies in the procurement of commodity contracts of more than \$1 million; the other allows eMM to be an alternative to State bid boards.

Maryland's 2002 Savings Bond Campaign, led by State Treasurer Nancy Kopp, is underway. Like last year when DGS led the effort, I am encouraging employees to consider how Savings Bonds fit into their savings and retirement plans. In 2001, for the first time in many years, the number of State employees participating in the program increased. With the recent roller coaster ride on Wall Street, now might be a good time to invest in a guaranteed savings instrument.

As you can see by the adjacent story, DGS continues to play a significant role in the effort to help the residents of LaPlata recover from the powerful tornado that wiped out downtown LaPlata this past June. Additionally, DGS teamed with the Department of Natural Resources to coordinate salvage efforts of the historic Wye Oak which fell victim to strong winds. Efforts like these result in kudos about the service DGS provides to its sister agencies, not only on high profile projects, but about the everyday service we provide to State government. You continue to make me **DGS-Proud**.

And lastly, on a personal note, my heartfelt thanks for the many expressions of concern and support offered to me after news of my husband's illness. My belief in the goodness of people, and the DGS "family" especially, has been reinforced a thousand-fold.

Las reuniones para negocios de minorías atraen la comunidad hispana

Our MBE office and *eMaryland Marketplace* staff participated in a series of outreach workshops entitled "Finding the Keys to Success." The forums were focused on the Hispanic business community and were held at community colleges in Baltimore City, Prince George's and Montgomery counties and at the Anne Arundel County Board of Education in Annapolis.

The DGS team was armed with new MBE and *eMaryland Marketplace* program exhibit boards which were translated into Spanish. While the events were aimed at the Hispanic community, all other small and minority businesses and business entrepreneurs were welcome.

By the way, the Spanish headline above this story translates: Meetings for Minority Businesses Attract Hispanic Community.

LaPlata Restoration Effort Gets DGS Help

Soon after a devastating tornado leveled downtown LaPlata, DGS joined in the State effort to help residents get back on their feet. Real Estate's Land Acquisition Unit is part of the Governor's LaPlata Business Restoration Task Force.

Staff Appraiser Gerry Krebs has met with business owners to assist the Task Force in estimating damage, unmet financial burdens on Charles County property and business owners, and to counsel persons needing help with Federal Emergency Management and Small Business loans. Krebs and other special caseworkers are helping affected families secure local, State and federal resources to help rebuild their homes, businesses and lives.

DGS also assisted with computer and transportation needs. Logistics and Special Projects coordinated with the Information Technology Group (ITG), Surplus Property and DHMH for the delivery of three vehicles and 12 computers to LaPlata. A car, four-wheel drive vehicle and a cargo van will be used temporarily by State employees to assist the LaPlata clean-up. ITG also set up and loaned 24 PCs to the Department of Human Resources for the LaPlata relief effort.

Governor Glendening directed \$3.1 million in State funds to LaPlata to help business owners and residents rebuild. The F-4 tornado destroyed 164 homes and businesses and caused damage to almost 980 homes and businesses.

DGS MISSION

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Goldstein

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Mr. Goldstein's legendary political career which spanned 60 years and 11 governors.

"Louis was a one-of-a-kind public servant who could mix and mingle on Wall Street as well as on any Main Street in Maryland," said the Governor, as he looked at the statue.

"Louis Goldstein exemplified the best in public service and made us all proud to be Marylanders," said Lt. Governor Townsend. "His energy



Unveiling: Hundreds of people – a standing-room-only crowd – attended the unveiling and dedication of the Goldstein statue in Annapolis.

and enthusiasm were legendary, his integrity unmatched."

Mr. Goldstein was the longest serving state official in Maryland history when he died on July 3, 1998.

Streetscape: Paving crews complete sidewalk renovations at the Baltimore State Office Center. The streetscape project – which includes extensive landscaping – enhances the area along Preston Street from the State Center Metro station to the Light Rail stop on Howard Street.

Pratt Library

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"From reference materials, to great literature, to access to the Internet, libraries are essential in this age of life-long learning," said Governor Glendening at the mid-April groundbreaking.

DGS will oversee construction of the four-story, 51,000-square-foot annex. The new addition will house services related to the central library's mission as Maryland's State Library Resource Center and special collections, such as the African American and Maryland collections, which include unique works by authors with Maryland ties such as Edgar Allan Poe, H.L. Mencken, Phyllis Wheatley and Benjamin Banneker.



Kids and Adults Love Annual Spring Fling

1) 5-year-old Asia and 7-year-old Christin, the daughters of Logistics and Special Projects' Howard McLain, enjoy their coloring books at State Center Café breakfast.

2) Officer Angie Rosenthal fingerprints 3-year-old Brandon Singletary, being held by his mother Michelle Frierson, as part of the DGS Police Identi-Kid program.

3) Jill Hawkins of the Department of Natural Resources wows youngsters and adults with her "Scales and Tails" presentation.

4) Secretary Richkus participates in a reading event.



Hollywood: Camera crews set up for filming outside the Shillman Building.

DGS Building is "Red Dragon" Backdrop

With support from DGS, a crew from Universal Pictures shot footage for a film titled "Red Dragon" in and near the Shillman Building in Baltimore. "Red Dragon" is the third in a series of movies about the cannibalistic genius Hannibal Lecter. The production filmed scenes in Maryland for about three weeks. The first film in the series was "The Silence of the Lambs," which starred Jodie Foster and Anthony Hopkins.

The economic impact of film and television production in the State is expected to hit a record \$80 million this year, according to the State film commission.



Opening Ceremony: Deputy Secretary Pecora (center with scissors) presides over the ribbon cutting opening the new and improved State Center Café at 301 West Preston.

Kickoff Set for Maryland Charity Campaign

With a goal of \$4.1 million, the 2002 Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) will open in mid-September with kickoff events in Baltimore, Annapolis, on the Eastern Shore and in Western Maryland. More than \$4 million was contributed to more than 700 participating charitable organizations compared to \$3.8 million in 2000. Governor Glendening and Lt. Governor Townsend, co-chairs of MCC, have named Secretary Richkus as the 2002 Assistant Chairperson.



Chief of Staff

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"Since joining the DGS team, Jackie has been a valued adviser and liaison for me and Deputy Secretary Pecora with the senior management team, our sister agencies and the legislature on key issues," said Secretary Richkus. Ms. Thompson worked previously for the Department of Budget and Management and the Maryland State Lottery.

Pamila Brown Named District Court Judge

Before dozens of DGS friends, colleagues, lawyers, and a host of judges, Pamila Brown was sworn in as a District Court Judge in an Ellicott City ceremony. Ms. Brown served as Principal Counsel for DGS since 1998.

In naming her to the bench, Governor Glendening noted that "throughout her extensive legal career, Pamila has shown a passion for fairness and equal justice. She has the necessary judgment, temperament, wisdom and patience to be an outstanding District Court judge."

DGS Shorts...

As a result of ITG rolling out new computers, 20 Dell PCs and monitors were donated to the Cecil County Department of Economic Development to be used by farmers and students who work with farmers. ITG also donated 20 computers and monitors to Perryville Middle School in Cecil County.

American Red Cross Blood Drives were held in April and July. Thirty-five DGS employees rolled-up their sleeves to donate blood.

Congratulations to Thomas Geisler who was awarded an academic scholarship to the Cardinal Gibbons School starting this fall. Thomas is the son of Wanda Beard who works at the Glen Burnie District Court/Multi-Service Center. The scholarship was awarded based on 14-year-old Thomas' achievements.

During Black History Month, a beautiful poster featuring two important DGS capital projects, the Banneker-Douglas Museum and the Maryland Museum of African American History and Culture, was distributed. A 3-D scale model of the Museum was on display in the lobby of 301 W. Preston. Thanks to Carolyn Anderson, Michael Gardner, Teresa Gee, John Nash, Neb Sertsu, and Kesha Watson for their efforts.



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